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SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE, MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA,
MAR. 14-25, 1977.

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B. DUNCAN/TAYLOR TELCON 2/4/77.

1. DUNCAN, GSO, VISITED MAR DEL PLATA JAN. 31/FEB. 1 TO DISCUSS FURTHER SPACE REQUIRED AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS SUBJECT CONFERENCE. THIS MESSAGE SETS FORTH ALL ARRANGEMENTS TO DATE PENDING RECEIPT MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON MAKE-UP OF DELEGATION, SUPPORT STAFF AND SY PERSONNEL FROM WASHINGTON. SINCE SPACE IS AT A PREMIUM (EXPECTED ATTENDANCE WILL EXCEED 3,000), IT IS IMPERATIVE POST BE ADVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

2. SPACE HERMITAGE HOTEL: (PLEASE REFTER TO PARAS. 3, 4 AND 5, BUENOS AIRES 7799. AREA CONSISTS SEVEN FLOORS WITH SEVEN ROOMS EACH FLOOR. FIRST FLOOR TO BE UTILIZED AS OFFICE SPACE AND SECURITY CONTROL. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO BE LOCATED SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS. FIFTH THROUGH SEVENTH FLOOR TO HOUSE DELEGATION PLUS CONGRESSMEN.

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3. ARRANGMENT OF OFFICES FIRST FLOOR IS AS FOLLOWS: (7 OFFICES) OFFICES 1 AND 2 WILL BE SECURITY CONTROL AND EMBASSY CONTROL/ ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT; OFFICE 3 - REPRODUCTIONS; OFFICE 4 - COMMUNICATIONS; OFFICE 5 - SECRETARIAL POOL; OFFICE 6 - OIC CONFERENCE OFFICER AND SECRETARY; AND OFFICE 7 - CONFERENCE ROOM WITH SEATING CAPACITY 15-20 PERSONS.

4. SPACE AT PROVINCIAL HOTEL (SITE OF CONFERENCE): THE EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS OF A 4 ROOM SUITE AT THE PROVINCIAL HOTEL. SUITE TO BE USED AS ADMIN/SY CONTROL AND MEETING/ HOSPITALITY AREA NEAR CONFERENCE SITE.

5. COST FOR SPACE CONFIRMED TO DATE IS AS FOLLOWS: (15 DAYS - MRACH 11-25, 1977).

A. HERMITAGE HOTEL: \$25,170.00

B. PROVINCIAL HOTEL: \$ 2,250.00

TOTAL \$27,420.00

IN ORDER RETAIN SPACE, MANAGEMENT REQUIRES 10 PERCENT DEPOSIT SOONEST AS FOLLOWS: HERMITAGE - \$2,517; PROVINCIAL - \$225. REQUEST ALLOTMENT SOONEST TO COVER DEPOSITS.

6. EMBASSY REQUESTS OIC TO FUND DIRECTLY COST OF HOTEL SPACE HERMITAGE AND PROVINCIAL AND REDUCE CSR DIEM BY 50 PERCENT FOR THOSE PERSONNEL LODGED HERMITAGE.

7. SPACE TO DATE COVERS ONLY PERIOD MAR 11 - 25. PER USUN TEL:USUN 260, POSSIBILITY EXISTS SOME SPACE REQUIRED FOR PERSONNEL ARRIVING PRIOR MAR 11 TO ATTEND CREDENTIALS MEETING. REQUIRE URGENTLY NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ARRIVING PRIOR MAR 11. AT THIS TIME, ASSUME OFFICES IN HERMITAGE MUST BE READY FOR USE ON THEIR ARRIVAL.

8. COMMUNICATIONS: I.T.T. REPRESENTATIVE B.A. ADVISES HE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED WITH ENTEL (ARG. COMMUNICATIONS) FOR INSTALLATION DIRECT LINE MAR DEL PLATA -WASHINGTON. ENTEL REQUIRED CONFIRMATION FROM EMBASSY. CONFIRMATION ISSUED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FEBRUARY 8, 1977. IF CONFIRMATION NOT AUTHORIZED BY DEPARTMENT, ADVISE IMMEDIATELY. ALSO ADVISE CONFIGURATION OF "CAN-DO" COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE AND IF OCR TYPE REQUIRED.

9. XEROX COPIES: RENTAL OF XEROX 7000 PLUS SUPPLIES (INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION B. A. TO MAR DEL PLATA) AND INSTALLATION WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$2,500. NO REPEAT NO COLLATOR AVAILABLE. IN ORDER TO RESERVE MACHINE, REQUIRE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL SIGN CONTRACT ASAP. (FYI, THIS IS LAST MACHINE AVAILABLE).

10. EMBASSY WILL SUPPLY ALL TYPEWRITERS PLUS ONE IBM MC-82 MACHINE. ALL COMMON OFFICE SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY.

11. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF CARS REQUIRED. EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ONLY 3 VEHICLES (1 FOR SY; 1 FOR HEAD OF DELEGATION; AND 1 SY-FOLLOW CAR). CARS WITH CHAUFFEURS MAY BE RENTED AT COST OF \$5.50 PER HOUR OR \$41 FOR A 12 HOUR PERIOD. RENTAL CARS WITHOUT CHAUFFEUR COST FROM \$12 TO \$21 PER DAY PLUS MILEAGE.

12. ASSUME CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL WILL BE FUNDED UNDER CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL FUNDS. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS.

13. DUE LIMITED RESOURCES, EMBASSY REQUESTS ALL TRAVELERS BOOK TRAVEL THROUGH TO MAR DEL PLATA. IN EVENT BOOKING THROUGH IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOME PERSONNEL, THE EMBASSY MUST BE ADVISED AS EARLY IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE. CONINTER (TOURIST FIRM UNDER CONTRACT WITH ARGENTINE GOVT.) WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM EZEIZA TO AEROPARQUE B.A. FOR CONNECTING FLIGHTS TO MAR DEL PLATA AS WELL AS TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL AT MAR DEL PLATA. CONINTER WILL ALSO PROVIDE TOURIST EXCURSION SERVICE FOR SIGHTSEEING AT NOMINAL COST.

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14. ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES: THE HERMITAGE HOTEL ADVISES A FLAT FEE OF \$10 PER PERSON FOR A COCKTAIL PARTY. ALTHOUGH COULD NOT OBTAIN PRICE AT THE PROVINCIAL HOTEL, COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY SAME AS THAT AT THE HERMITAGE. SHOULD PLAN ON COST OF \$12 - 20 PER HEAD FOR LUNCH OR DINNER AT HERMITAGE AND PROVINCIAL. THERE ARE OTHER LESS COSTLY RESTAURANTS WHERE FOOD IS GOOD.

15. HERMITAGE HOTEL HONORS "DINERS" CHARGE CARD. THE PROVINCIAL HOTEL HONORS DINER, LONDON AND AMERICAN EXPRESS. SOME SHOPS HONOR ONE, TWO, AND OCCASIONALLY THREE DIFFERENT CREDIT CARDS, I.E. AMERICAN EXPRESS; LONDON; DINERS; BANKAMERICARD; CART BLANCHE. PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ADVISED HOWEVER THAT SHOPS IN ARGENTINA ARE NOT AS PRONE TO ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS AS IN THE U.S.

16. THE EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF MONEY EXCHANGE SERVICE TO PERSONNEL ON INITIAL ARRIVAL.

THERE WILL BE A MONEY EXCHANGE SERVICE OPERATING IN THE PROVINCIAL HOTEL AS WELL AS OTHER EXCHANGE HOUSES IN MAR DEL PLATA.

17. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO EXPERTS OR PERSONNEL OTHER THAN OFFICIAL DELEGATION AND SUPPORT STAFF PLANNING TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. REQUEST OIC RESPOND ANY QUIRIES ALONG LINES PERSONNEL ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE OWN ARRANGMENTS.

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18. PACKAGE OF MATERIAL ADDRESSED TO MR. E. TAYLOR, OIC, FORWARDED THIS DATE UNDER POUCH REGISTRATION NO. 1910280 WITH REQUEST IT BE HAND DELIVERED. PACKAGE SHOULD ARRIVE OIC ON FRIDAY, FEB. 11.

19. THIS IS TO CONFIRM FIGURES GIVEN TAYLOR OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF SY SUPPORT OF \$10,950 BASED ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION. MORE CONCRETE FIGURES CAN ONLY BE FURNISHED FOLLOWING VISIT OF SY ADVANCE. PLEASE ADVISE ETA OF SY ADVANCE.
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